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Hard on the heels of Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's effusive birthday greetings to Yugoslav President Tito comes the announcement that Moscow is postponing for five years a \$285,000,000 credit to Yugoslavia.

This is the first substantive step the Kremlin has taken to back up its month-long fulminations against Yugoslavia's refusal to acknowledge Moscow as the ideological and political fountainhead of the Communist camp.

It implements an implied threat posed in a Pravda editorial May 9. The Pravda writer, stung by a Yugoslav hint that the Soviets tried to "exploit" Yugoslavia in the past, said:

"We do not enforce anything on anyone. Neither our state system, nor the forms of social life, nor our ideology. Neither do we enforce our

friendship on anyone, nor our economic aid."

In the ceaseless propaganda campaign which Moscow and its satellites direct toward the non-Communist world the Communists have declaimed mightily against the "aid with strings" which they charge the United States with giving, and have loudly trumpeted the alleged disinterestedness of their own aid to other countries.

Now the shoe is on the other foot. The Soviets give aid to India, Indonesia, and other underdeveloped countries even though they are "non-aligned" in the East-West cold war. But in Yugoslavia's case "aid" and "strings" seem to go together just like horse and carriage, to paraphrase a popular song. Since Marshal Tito insists on being his own horse, the Soviets have apparently decided to postpone delivery of the carriage.

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